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1. RE: QUERY PARA 2 REFTEL AS TO CLAIM AGENCY IS MEETING ONLY 40 PERCENT OF REQUESTS FOR TA. GOV/ COM.8/ OR.32, RECORD OF MEETING OF BOARD' S TA COMMITTEE DECEMBER 7, 1972 FOR DISCUSSION OF 1973 TA PROGRAM, PARA 2-4, IS SOURCE OF FIGURES QUOTED AS BASIS FOR THIS CLAIM.

2. TOTAL REQUESTS TO AGENCY FOR 1973 REGULAR TA PROGRAM (INCLUDING ONLY EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT IN THIS CONNECTION) AGGREGATING \$5.7- MILLION: \$2.3- MILLION EXPERTS AND \$3.4- MILLION EQUIPMENT. DOCUMENT SPECIFIES CERTAIN REQUESTS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL. OF THESE REQUESTS, TAC APPROVED PROGRAM AGGREGATING \$2.3- MILLION FOR EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT, OR 40.0 PERCENT OF TOTAL REQUESTS. THIS IS BASIC FIGURE CITED IN MAKING CLAIM. OF THIS, PROGRAM INCLUDED APPROVAL OF \$1.17- MILLION OR 50.9 PERCENT OF EXPERT REQUESTS AND \$1.11- MILLION OR 32.6 PERCENT OF EQUIPMENT REQUESTS. APPROVED \$2.3- MILLION PROGRAM INCLUDED SUBDIVISION BY DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS, AGGREGATING \$0.58- MILLION OR 25.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL, AS SECOND PRIORITY PROJECTS HAD BEEN FUNDED.

3. IN ADDITION, COMMITTEE NOTED REQUESTS AGGREGATING \$0.75- MILLION WHICH WERE CONSIDERED TECHNICALLY SATISFACTORY BUT COULD NOT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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MET OWING TO LACK OF FUNDS; AS USUAL, DETAILS THESE REQUESTS WERE CIRCULATED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL TO DEVELOPED MEMBER STATES FOR POSSIBLE SUPPORT ON BILATERAL BASIS. UNFORTUNATELY, AGENCY HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHICH OF THESE MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BILATERALLY, BUT GIVEN TENDENCY OF MOST DONORS TO POINT OUT THEIR BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF AGENCY, FACT THAT MISSION HAS HEARD NO MENTION RECENTLY OF ANYONE'S HAVING DONE SO INDICATES TO US THAT NUMBER FROM THIS GROUP EVER ACTUALLY EXECUTED IS SMALL.

4. MISSION AWARE AND HAS TRIED TO POINT OUT THAT PROPER COMPARISON SHOULD BE APPROVED PROGRAM OF \$2.3- MILLION WITH TOTAL REQUESTS EVALUATED AS TECHNICALLY SATISFACTORY IN GOV/1572/ ADD. 1, OR \$3.05- MILLION. IF COMPARISON IS MADE ON THIS BASIS, NEARLY 75 PERCENT OF SATISFACTORY REQUESTS ARE FILLED. HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET DISCUSSION OFF QUESTION OF TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED, AS THIS WOULD LEAD SECRETARIAT INTO POSITION OF HAVING TO SPECIFY WHICH REQUESTS WERE FOUND NOT RPT NOT TECHNICALLY SATISFACTORY, THEREBY GETTING THEM INTO TROUBLE WITH LDC'S CONCERNED FOR MINIMAL GAIN, SINCE LDC'S WOULD OBTAIN AND USE GROSS REQUEST FIGURE IN ANY EVENT.

5. RE: PROJECTS PICKED UP THROUGH GIFTS IN KIND, THESE GENERALLY RELATE TO PROJECTS WITHIN PROGRAM OF \$2.3- MILLION APPROVED BY BOARD. WHILE PROJECTS ARE SOMETIMES INSERTED IN PROGRAM BASED ON EARLIER INFORMAL INDICATION THAT SOME DONOR WOULD PICK THEM UP THROUGH CONTRIBUTION IN KIND, ONCE BOARD HAS APPROVED TA PROGRAM FOR YEAR GIFTS IN KIND MUST NORMALLY BE ACCEPTED BY DG IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED PROJECTS. THIS IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN FORMULATING PROGRAM, AS RESOURCES EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT FROM VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL FUND IN ANY GIVEN YEAR NORMALLY RUN ONLY ABOUT TWO- THIRDS TO THREE- QUARTERS OF TOTAL PROPOSED PROGRAM, WITH BALANCE OF CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BEING EXPENDED FOR TYPE I FELLOWSHIPS AND SIMILAR PURPOSES NOT INCLUDED IN TA EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. PORTER

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